

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 3, 2011

Alma Gonzalez, Treasurer Democratic Executive Committee of Florida 214 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Response Due Date: March 10, 2011

Identification Number: C00005561

Reference:

Amended October Monthly Report (9/1/10-9/30/10), received 12/10/10

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of Failure to adequately respond by the your federal election campaign finances. response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 8 items:

- 1. A review of the reports filed by your committee (see attached) indicates that your committee received one or more transfers from I.B.E.W. Educational Committee which has not been disclosed on their report(s) of Please provide clarifying information receipts and disbursements. regarding the source of the transfer(s) received by your committee.
- 2. Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses an offset to an operating expenditure(s) totaling \$6,671.93 from "United States Treasury"; however, your report(s) does not appear to disclose a disbursement to this entity. Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report(s) if necessary.
- 3. Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) of your report discloses a receipt from "Castor For Congress" which requires further clarification. For example, if this activity represents a transfer of funds, please indicate "transfer" on Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) of your report. If this activity represents a reimbursement for services provided to this committee, please indicate this on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report. Please amend your report to clarify the type of activity this receipt(s) represents.

- 4. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B and H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Consulting/Political," "Expense Reimbursement," and "Gifts." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).
- 5. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Phone Expense, "Expense Reimbursement," "Office Equipment," and "Admin Office Supplies." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar year, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3
- 6. Schedule B of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement may have to be itemized. For example, if the related payment(s) to any one vendor by the staff aggregates in excess of \$200 for the calendar year, the payment(s) must be itemized as a meme entry for that reimbursement. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary for a particular reimbursement to staff in excess of \$500, you must clarify this in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §104.9 and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3
- 7. Sehedule H4 of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement have to be itemized as memo entries regardless of the amount. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which

reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3

8. Schedule B of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Per Diem." Please be advised that a political committee may maintain a porty cash fund out of which it may make expenditures not in excess of \$100 to any person per purchase or transaction. 11 CFR §102.11 However, if this expenditure(s) represents an apparent reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500, there are additional reporting requirements. Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report to include any missing information as noted below.

When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement may have to be itemized as memo entries if the related payment(s) to any one vendor by the staff aggregates in excess of \$200 for the calendar year. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Schedule B should clearly identify which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary for a particular reimbursement to staff in excess of \$500, you must clarify this in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §104.9 and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3

- Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from Other Political Committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.
- Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Refunds of Contributions to Other Political Committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 28(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper eategorization(s) for your next filing.
- Please clarify all expenditures made for "Event Expense," and "Consulting/Fundraising" on Schedule B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line

23 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adoquate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1164.

Sincerely,

Nicole Miller

Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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Receipt Not Disclosed on Donor Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
I.B.E.W. Educational Committee	9/29/10	\$5,000	2010 October Monthly